

**Amendments to the Claims:**

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1: (currently amended) A gaming device comprising:

~~a plurality of reels;~~

~~a plurality of symbols on the reels, said symbols including at least one prize symbol associated with a physical prize and at least one re-trigger symbol;~~

~~an initial designated number of spins of the reels, said designated number being greater than one;~~

~~a designated number of the prize symbols necessary to be accumulated to win the associated physical prize, wherein the designated number of prize symbols is greater than the number of prize symbols which can possibly be accumulated in the initial designated number of spins of the reels; and~~

at least one display device;

at least one input device;

at least one a processor programmed to; and

at least one memory device which stores a plurality of instructions, which when executed by the at least one processor, cause the at least one processor to operate with the at least one display device and the at least one input device to:

(i) control display a plurality of the reels, the plurality of reels including a plurality of symbols, said symbols including at least one prize symbol associated with a physical prize and at least one re-trigger symbol,

(ii) display a designated number of initial spins of the reels, the designated number of initial spins being greater than one,

(iii) display the initial spins of activate the reels after a wager by a player until none of the initial designated number of initial spins remain,

(ivii) display re-trigger at least one additional spin of the reels if the re-trigger symbol or a predetermined symbol combination including the re-trigger symbol occurs on the reels during the displayed initial designated number of spins of the reels,

- (iv) accumulate any prize symbols which occur on the reels in each of said displayed initial spins and said at least one additional spin of the reels, and
- (vi) ~~cause award~~ the physical prize to be awarded to the player if the accumulated number of prize symbols reaches a the designated number of prize symbols necessary to be accumulated to win the associated physical prize, wherein the designated number of prize symbols is greater than the number of prize symbols which can possibly be accumulated in the displayed initial spins of the reels.

Claim 2: (currently amended) The gaming device of Claim 1, wherein the designated number of prize symbols is greater than the initial designated number of initial spins of the reels.

Claim 3: (original) The gaming device of Claim 1, which includes at least one payline associated with the reels.

Claim 4: (currently amended) The gaming device of Claim 3, wherein when executed by the at least one processor, the plurality of instructions cause the at least one processor to accumulate ~~accumulates~~ any prize symbols which occur on any of the paylines in each of the displayed initial spins and the at least one additional spin of the reels.

Claim 5: (currently amended) The gaming device of Claim 1, wherein the accumulated number of prize symbols is reset when none of the designated number of ~~no~~ initial spins remain.

Claim 6: (currently amended) The gaming device of Claim 1, wherein when executed by the at least one processor, the plurality of instructions cause the at least one processor to operate with the at least one display device to display the initial

~~designated number of spins are obtained in a primary game operable activated upon the a wager by the player, and display the initial spins of the reels in the primary game.~~

Claim 7: (currently amended) The gaming device of Claim 6, wherein when executed by the at least one processor, the plurality of instructions cause the at least one processor to reset the accumulated number of prize symbols ~~is reset after a plurality of wagers for the primary gamegames.~~

Claim 8: (original) The gaming device of Claim 1, wherein the prize symbol includes an image which represents the physical prize.

Claim 9: (currently amended) The gaming device of Claim 1, wherein the initial designated number of initial spins is randomly determined.

Claim 10: (currently amended) The gaming device of Claim 1, wherein the initial designated number of initial spins is predetermined.

Claim 11: (original) The gaming device of Claim 1, wherein the designated number of prize symbols is randomly determined.

Claim 12: (original) The gaming device of Claim 1, wherein the designated number of prize symbols is predetermined.

Claim 13: (currently amended) The gaming device of Claim 1, which includes a plurality of different physical prizes, wherein when executed by the at least one processor, the plurality of instructions cause the at least one processor ~~is programmed to cause provide~~ one of said physical prizes to be provided to the player when the accumulated number of prize symbols reaches the designated number of prize symbols necessary to win said the physical prize to be provided.

Claim 14: (original) The gaming device of Claim 13, wherein at least two of the physical prizes have different values.

Claim 15: (currently amended) The gaming device of Claim 13, which includes a probability of being selected by the at least one processor associated with each of the physical prizes, wherein when executed by the at least one processor, the plurality of instructions cause the at least one processor, based on said probabilities, —is programmed to: (i) select and provide one of the physical prizes, and (ii) cause the selected physical prize to be provided to the player-based-on-said-probabilities.

Claim 16: (currently amended) The gaming device of Claim 1, which includes a plurality of different physical prizes, wherein when executed by the at least one processor, the plurality of instructions cause the at least one processor is-programmed to enable the player to pick one of said physical prizes if the accumulated number of prize symbols reaches the designated number of prize symbols.

Claim 17: (original) The gaming device of Claim 1, which includes a prize symbol display operable to indicate the number of accumulated prize symbols.

Claim 18: (original) The gaming device of Claim 17, wherein the prize symbol display includes a plurality of prize symbol indicators.

Claim 19: (original) The gaming device of Claim 18, which includes at least one illumination device associated with the prize symbol indicators.

Claim 20: (original) The gaming device of Claim 17, wherein the prize symbol display includes an integer which represents the accumulated number of prize symbols.

Claim 21: (original) The gaming device of Claim 20, wherein the integer increments by at least one for each prize symbol which occurs on the reels.

Claim 22: (currently amended) The gaming device of Claim 1, wherein the at least one additional spin includes at least one initial designated number of spins are free spins.

Claim 23: (currently amended) The gaming device of Claim 1, wherein the initial designated number of initial spins of the reels is at least in part based on the a-wager made by the player.

Claim 24: (currently amended) The gaming device of Claim 1, wherein the designated number of the prize symbols necessary to be accumulated to win the physical prize is at least in part based on the a-wager made by the playersuch that: (i) for a first wager, a first designated number of the prize symbols is necessary to be accumulated to win the physical prize, and (ii) for a second, different wager, a second, different number of the prize symbols is necessary to be accumulated to win the physical prize.

Claim 25: (currently amended) The gaming device of Claim 1, wherein the number of prize symbols which are accumulated based on each prize symbol which occurs on the reels is at least in part based on the a-wager made by the player.

Claim 26: (currently amended) The gaming device of Claim 1, wherein the predetermined symbol combination is associated with a probability of occurring on odds of obtaining a re-trigger of the reels, and the probability is at least in part based on the a wager made by the player.

Claim 27: (currently amended) The gaming device of Claim 1, wherein when executed by the at least one processor, the plurality of instructions cause the at least one processor is programmed to enable the player to select the physical prize.

Claim 28: (currently amended) A gaming device comprising:

~~a plurality of reels;~~

~~a plurality of symbols on the reels, said symbols including at least one first prize symbol associated with a first physical prize, at least one second prize symbol associated with a second different physical prize, and at least one re-trigger symbol;~~

~~an initial designated number of spins of the reels, said designated number being greater than one;~~

~~a designated number of the first prize symbols necessary to be accumulated to win the associated first physical prize, wherein the designated number of first prize symbols is greater than the number of first prize symbols which can possibly be accumulated in the initial designated number of spins of the reels;~~

~~a designated number of the second prize symbols necessary to be accumulated to win the associated second different physical prize, wherein the designated number of second prize symbols is greater than the number of second prize symbols which can possibly be accumulated in the initial designated number of spins of the reels; and~~

at least one display device;

at least one input device;

at least one a-processor-programmed operable to; and

at least one memory device which stores a plurality of instructions, which when executed by the at least one processor, cause the at least one processor to operate with the at least one display device and the at least one input device to:

(i) control the display a plurality of reels including a plurality of symbols on the reels, said symbols including at least one first prize symbol associated with a first physical prize, at least one second prize symbol associated with a second different physical prize, and at least one re-trigger symbol;

(ii) display a designated number of initial spins of the reels, the designated number of initial spins being greater than one,

- (iii) display the initial number of spins after a wager by a player activate the reels until none of the initial-designated number of initial spins remain,
- (ivii) display re-trigger at least one additional spin of the reels when the re-trigger symbol or a predetermined symbol combination including the re-trigger symbol occurs on the reels during the displayed initial designated number of spins of the reels,
- (iv) accumulate any first prize symbols which occur on the reels in each of said displayed initial spins and said at least one additional spin of the reels,
- (vi) accumulate any second prize symbols which occur on the reels in each of said displayed initial spins and said at least one additional spin of the reels,
- (vii) cause award the first physical prize to be awarded to the player if the accumulated number of first prize symbols reaches a the designated number of first prize symbols necessary to be accumulated to win the associated first physical prize, wherein the designated number of first prize symbols is greater than the number of first prize symbols which can possibly be accumulated in the displayed initial spins of the reels, and
- (viii) cause award the second physical prize to be awarded to the player if the accumulated number of second prize symbols reaches a the designated number of second prize symbols necessary to be accumulated to win the associated second physical prize, wherein the designated number of second prize symbols is greater than the number of second prize symbols which can possibly be accumulated in the displayed initial spins of the reels.

Claim 29: (currently amended) The gaming device of Claim 28, wherein the designated number of first prize symbols is greater than the initial-designated number of

initial spins of the reels and the designated number of second prize symbols is greater than the ~~initial~~-designated number of initial spins of the reels.

Claim 30: (currently amended) The gaming device of Claim 28, wherein the accumulated number of first and second prize symbols is reset when none of the designated number of initial ~~no~~-spins remain.

Claim 31: (currently amended) The gaming device of Claim 28, wherein when executed by the at least one processor, the plurality of instructions cause the at least one processor to operate with the at least one display device to display the initial designated spins are obtained in a primary game operable activated upon the a-wager by the player, and display the initial spins of the reels in the primary game.

Claim 32: (original) The gaming device of Claim 28, wherein the first physical prize is of a higher value than the second physical prize.

Claim 33: (original) The gaming device of Claim 32, which includes a higher probability of obtaining the second physical prize than the first physical prize.

Claim 34: (currently amended) The gaming device of Claim 28, wherein the at least one additional spin includes at least one initial designated number of spins are free spins~~pins.~~

Claim 35: (currently amended) The gaming device of Claim 28, wherein the ~~initial designated number of initial spins of the reels is~~ at least in part based on the a ~~wager made by the player.~~

Claim 36: (currently amended) The gaming device of Claim 28, wherein the designated number of the first prize symbols necessary to be accumulated to win the first physical prize is at least in part based on the a-wager made by the players such that:  
(i) for a first wager, a first designated number of the first prize symbols is necessary to

be accumulated to win the first physical prize, and (ii) for a second, different wager, a second, different number of the first prize symbols is necessary to be accumulated to win the first physical prize.

Claim 37: (currently amended) The gaming device of Claim 28, wherein the designated number of the second prize symbols necessary to be accumulated to win the second –physical prize is at least in part based on the a-wager made-by-the playersuch that: (i) for a first wager, a first designated number of the second prize symbols is necessary to be accumulated to win the second physical prize, and (ii) for a second, different wager, a second, different number of the second prize symbols is necessary to be accumulated to win the second physical prize.

Claim 38: (currently amended) The gaming device of Claim 28, wherein the number of prize symbols accumulated for each prize symbol which occurs on the reels is at least in part based on the a-wager-made-by-the-player.

Claim 39: (currently amended) The gaming device of Claim 29, wherein the predetermined symbol combination is associated with a probability of occurring on edds of-obtaining-a-re-trigger-of-the reels, and the probability is at least in part based on the a wager-made-by-the-player.

Claim 40: (currently amended) A gaming device comprising:

a primary game;

a secondary game;

at least one triggering event associated with the primary game, wherein the secondary game is initiated upon the occurrence of the triggering event in the primary game;

a physical prize associated with the secondary game;

a plurality of reels including a plurality of symbols in the secondary game, the symbols including at least one prize symbol associated with the physical prize and at least one re-trigger symbol, the secondary game including an initial designated number of spins of the reels, said designated number being greater than one;

a designated number of prize symbols necessary to be accumulated in the secondary game to win the physical prize, wherein the designated number of prize symbols is greater than the number of prize symbols that can possibly be accumulated in the an initially designated number of spins of the reels in the secondary game; and

at least one display device;

at least one input device;

at least one a-processor-programmed operable to; and

at least one memory device which stores a plurality of instructions, which when executed by the at least one processor, cause the at least one processor to operate with the at least one display device and the at least one input device, after the occurrence of a triggering event in association with a primary game, to:

- (i) control the reels, initiate a secondary game associated with a physical prize, the second game associated with a set of reels having a plurality of symbols, the symbols including at least one prize symbol associated with the physical prize and at least one re-trigger symbol,

- (ii) display a designated number of initial spins of the reels for the secondary game, said designated number of initial spins being greater than one,
- (iii) display the initial spins ~~activate the set of the~~ reels until none of the ~~said initial~~ designated number of initial spins remain in the secondary game ~~after the triggering event occurs in the primary game,~~
- (ivii) ~~display re-trigger the activation of the reels for at least one additional spin activation of the reels if the re-trigger symbol or a predetermined symbol combination including the re-trigger symbol occurs on the reels during the displayed initial spins of the reels in the secondary game,~~
- (iv) accumulate any prize symbols which occur on the reels in the displayed initial spins and the at least one additional spin activations of the reels in the secondary game, and
- (vi) cause award the physical prize to be awarded to the player if the accumulated number of prize symbols reaches a the designated number of prize symbols necessary to be accumulated in the secondary game to win the physical prize, wherein the designated number of prize symbols is greater than the number of prize symbols that can possibly be accumulated in the displayed initial spins of the reels in the secondary game.

Claim 41: (currently amended) The gaming device of Claim 40, wherein the designated number of prize symbols necessary to be accumulated in the secondary game is greater than the designated number of initial spins.

Claim 42: (currently amended) The gaming device of Claim 40, wherein the triggering event includes a combination of symbols occurring on a set of the reels in association with in the primary game.

Claim 43: (currently amended) The gaming device of Claim 40, wherein the initial-designated number of initial spins are free spins.

Claim 44: (currently amended) The gaming device of Claim 40, wherein the initial-designated number of initial spins of the reels is at least in part based on a wager made by the player.

Claim 45: (currently amended) The gaming device of Claim 40, wherein the designated number of the prize symbols necessary to be accumulated to win the physical prize is at least in part based on a wager made by the player such that: (i) for a first wager made by the player, a first designated number of the prize symbols is necessary to be accumulated to win the physical prize, and (ii) for a second, different wager made by the player, a second, different number of the prize symbols is necessary to be accumulated to win the physical prize.

Claim 46: (original) The gaming device of Claim 40, wherein the number of prize symbols accumulated for each prize symbol which occurs on the reels is at least in part based on a wager made by the player.

Claim 47: (currently amended) The gaming device of Claim 40, wherein the predetermined symbol combination is associated with a probability of occurring on odds of obtaining a re-trigger of the reels, and the probability is at least in part based on a wager made by the player.

Claim 48: (currently amended) A gaming device comprising:

~~a plurality of reels;~~

~~a plurality of symbols on the reels, said symbols including at least one first prize symbol, associated with a first physical prize, at least one second prize symbol associated with a second different physical prize, and at least one re-trigger symbol;~~

~~an initial designated number of free spins of the reels, said designated number being greater than one;~~

~~a designated number of the first prize symbols necessary to be accumulated to win the associated first physical prize;~~

~~a designated number of the second prize symbols necessary to be accumulated to win the associated second different physical prize, wherein the first physical prize is of a higher value than the second physical prize; and~~

at least one display device;

at least one input device;

at least one a processor programmed operable to; and

at least one memory device which stores a plurality of instructions, which when executed by the at least one processor, cause the at least one processor to operate with the at least one display device and the at least one input device to:

- (i) control the display a plurality of reels including a plurality of symbols on the reels, said symbols including at least one first prize symbol associated with a first physical prize, at least one second prize symbol associated with a second different physical prize, and at least one re-trigger symbol, wherein the first physical prize is of a higher value than the second physical prize;
- (ii) display a designated number of initial spins of the reels, said designated number of initial spins being greater than one;
- (iii) display activate the reels for the initial designated number of spins of the reels after a wager by a player,
- (iv) display re-trigger at least one free spin of the reels if the re-trigger symbol or a predetermined symbol combination including the re-

- trigger symbol occurs on the reels during the displayed initial spins of the reels,
- (iv) accumulate any first prize symbols which occur on the reels in each of said displayed initial spins and said at least one free spin of the reels,
  - (vi) accumulate any second prize symbols which occur on the reels in each of said displayed initial spins and said at least one free spin of the reels,
  - (vii) cause award the first physical prize to be awarded to the player if the accumulated number of first prize symbols reaches a the designated number of the first prize symbols necessary to be accumulated to win the associated first physical prize, wherein the ~~re-trigger symbol or the predetermined~~ symbol combination including the re-trigger symbol must occur on the reels at least once to accumulate the designated number of the first prize symbols, and
  - (viii) cause award the second physical prize to be awarded to the player if the accumulated number of second prize symbols reaches a the designated number of the second prize symbols necessary to be accumulated to win the associated second different physical prize, wherein the ~~re-trigger symbol or the predetermined~~ symbol combination including the re-trigger symbol must occur on the reels at least once to accumulate the designated number of the second prize symbols.

Claim 49: (currently amended) The gaming device of Claim 48, wherein when executed by the at least one processor, the plurality of instructions cause the at least one processor to operate with the at least one display device to display the initial designated number of free spins are obtained in a primary game operable activated upon the a wager by the player, and display the initial spins of the reels in the primary game.

Claim 50: (original) The gaming device of Claim 48, which includes a higher probability of obtaining the second physical prize than obtaining the first physical prize.

Claim 51: (currently amended) The gaming device of Claim 48, wherein the initial-designated number of initial free-spins of the reels is at least in part based on the a-wager made by the player.

Claim 52: (currently amended) The gaming device of Claim 48, wherein the designated number of the first prize symbols necessary to be accumulated to win the first physical prize is at least in part based on the a-wager made by the playersuch that: (i) for a first wager made by the player, a first designated number of the first prize symbols is necessary to be accumulated to win the first physical prize, and (ii) for a second, different wager made by the player, a second, different number of the first prize symbols is necessary to be accumulated to win the first physical prize.

Claim 53: (currently amended) The gaming device of Claim 48, wherein the designated number of the second prize symbols necessary to be accumulated to win the second physical prize is at least in part based on the a-wager made by the player such that: (i) for a first wager, a first designated number of the second prize symbols is necessary to be accumulated to win the second physical prize, and (ii) for a second, different wager, a second, different number of the second prize symbols is necessary to be accumulated to win the second physical prize.

Claim 54: (currently amended) The gaming device of Claim 48, wherein the number of prize symbols which are accumulated for each prize symbol which occurs on the reels is at least in part based on the a-wager made by the player.

Claim 55: (currently amended) The gaming device of Claim 48, wherein the predetermined symbol combination is associated with a probability of occurring on odds

~~of obtaining a re-trigger of the reels, and the probability~~ is at least in part based on the a  
~~wager made by the player.~~

Claim 56: (currently amended) A method for operating a gaming device; said method comprising:

- (a) ~~causing at least one display device to display~~ displaying a primary game operable upon a wager made by ~~to a player;~~
- (b) initiating a secondary game upon the occurrence of a triggering event in association with the primary game;
- (c) designating ~~a an~~ initial number of initial spins of a plurality of reels in the secondary game;
- (d) designating a number of prize symbols necessary to be accumulated to win a physical prize in the secondary game, wherein the designated number of prize symbols is greater than the number of prize symbols which can possibly be accumulated in the designated initial number of spins of the reels in the secondary game; and
- (f) after initiating the secondary game:
  - (i) causing the at least one display device to display the designated number of initial spins;
  - (ii) causing the at least one display device to display the initial spins of ~~activating the reels until none of the designated initial number of~~ initial spins remain in the secondary game;
  - (iii) accumulating any prize symbols which occur on the reels during the displayed initial spins of the reels;
  - (iv) causing the at least one display device to display ~~re-activating the reels at least one additional spin of the reels time if a~~ secondary triggering event occurs in association with the secondary game; and
  - (v) awarding the physical prize to the player if the accumulated number of prize symbols reaches the designated number of prize symbols necessary to win the physical prize in the secondary game.

Claim 57: (original) The method of Claim 56, wherein accumulating any prize symbols which occur on the reels includes accumulating any prize symbols indicated on at least one payline associated with the reels.

Claim 58: (currently amended) The method of Claim 56, which includes randomly determining the designated initial-number of initial spins.

Claim 59: (currently amended) The method of Claim 56, which includes pre-determining the designated initial-number of initial spins.

Claim 60: (original) The method of Claim 56, which includes randomly determining the designated number of prize symbols necessary to be accumulated to win the physical prize in the secondary game.

Claim 61: (original) The method of Claim 56, which includes pre-determining the designated number of prize symbols necessary to be accumulated to win the physical prize in the secondary game.

Claim 62: (currently amended) The method of Claim 56, which includes causing a prize symbol display to display ~~displaying~~ the accumulated number of prize symbols ~~on a prize symbol display~~.

Claim 63: (original) The method of Claim 56, wherein providing a physical prize to the player includes providing a physical prize from a plurality of different physical prizes.

Claim 64: (original) The method of Claim 56, wherein providing a physical prize to the player includes enabling the player to pick one of a plurality of physical prizes.

Claim 65: (original) The method of Claim 56, wherein awarding the physical prize to the player includes generating a prize code.

Claim 66: (original) The method of Claim 65, which includes placing the prize code on at least one of: a receipt, a ticket, a printing medium and a recording medium.

Claim 67: (currently amended) The method of Claim 56, wherein the designated ~~initial~~-number of initial spins are free spins.

Claim 68: (currently amended) The method of Claim 56, wherein the ~~initial~~ designated ~~initial~~-number of initial spins ~~of the reels is~~ is at least in part based on the a ~~wager made by the player.~~

Claim 69: (currently amended) The method of Claim 56, wherein the designated number of the prize symbols necessary to be accumulated to win the physical prize is at least in part based on the a-wager made by the player such that: (i) for a first wager made by the player, a first designated number of the prize symbols is necessary to be accumulated to win the physical prize, and (ii) for a second, different wager made by the player, a second, different number of the prize symbols is necessary to be accumulated to win the physical prize.

Claim 70: (currently amended) The method of Claim 56, wherein the number of prize symbols accumulated for each prize symbol which occurs on the reels is at least in part based on the a-wager made by the player.

Claim 71: (currently amended) The method of Claim 56, wherein odds of the secondary triggering event occurring ~~obtaining a re-trigger of the reels is~~ is at least in part based on the a-wager made by the player.

Claim 72: (currently amended) The method of Claim 56, wherein the steps (a) to (hf) are controlled through a data network.

Claim 73: (original) The method of Claim 72, wherein the data network is an internet.

Claim 74: (currently amended) A method of operating a gaming device, said method comprising:

- (a) causing at least one display device to display displaying a plurality of reels and a plurality of symbols on the reels, said symbols including at least one first prize symbol, at least one second prize symbol and at least one re-trigger symbol;
- (b) designating a an initial number of initial spins of the reels, said designated number of initial spins being greater than one;
- (c) designating a number of the first prize symbols necessary to be accumulated to win a first physical prize, wherein the designated number of first prize symbols is greater than the number of first prize symbols which can possibly be accumulated in the designated initial number of initial spins of the reels;
- (d) designating a number of the second prize symbols necessary to be accumulated to win a second different physical prize, wherein the designated number of second prize symbols is greater than the number of second prize symbols which can possibly be accumulated in the designated initial number of initial spins of the reels; and
- (e) causing the at least one display device to display the designated number of initial spins;
- (fe) causing the at least one display device to display the initial spins of activating the reels after a wager by a player until none of for the designated initial number of initial spins remain;
- (g) causing the at least one display device to display re-triggering at least one additional spin of the reels if the re-trigger symbol or a predetermined symbol combination including the re-trigger symbol occurs on the reels during the displayed designated initial number of spins of the reels;
- (hg) accumulating any first prize symbols which occurs on the reels in each of said displayed initial spins and said at least one additional spin of the reels;

- (ih) accumulating any second prize symbols which occurs on the reels in each of said displayed initial spins and said at least one additional spin of the reels;
- (ji) awarding the first physical prize to the player if the accumulated number of first prize symbols reaches the designated number of first prize symbols; and
- (kj) awarding the second physical prize to the player if the accumulated number of second prize symbols reaches the designated number of second prize symbols.

Claim 75: (original) The method of Claim 74, wherein the first physical prize is of a higher value than the second physical prize.

Claim 76: (original) The method Claim 75, which includes a higher probability of obtaining the second physical prize than the first physical prize.

Claim 77: (currently amended) The method Claim 74, wherein the at least one additional spin includes at least one designated initial number of spins are free spinspins.

Claim 78: (currently amended) The method Claim 74, wherein the designated ~~initial number of~~ initial spins of the reels is at least in part based on the a-wager made by the player.

Claim 79: (currently amended) The method Claim 74, wherein the designated number of the first prize symbols necessary to be accumulated to win the first physical prize is at least in part based on the a-wager made by the playersuch that: (i) for a first wager made by the player, a first designated number of the first prize symbols is necessary to be accumulated to win the first physical prize, and (ii) for a second, different wager made by the player, a second, different number of the first prize symbols is necessary to be accumulated to win the first physical prize.

Claim 80: (currently amended) The method Claim 74, wherein the designated number of the second prize symbols necessary to be accumulated to win the second physical prize is at least in part based on the a-wager made by the player such that: (i) for a first wager made by the player, a first designated number of the second prize symbols is necessary to be accumulated to win the second physical prize, and (ii) for a second, different wager made by the player, a second, different number of the second prize symbols is necessary to be accumulated to win the second physical prize.

Claim 81: (currently amended) The method Claim 74, wherein the number of prize symbols accumulated for each prize symbol which occurs on the reels is at least in part based on the a-wager made by the player.

Claim 82: (currently amended) The method Claim 74, wherein the predetermined symbol combination is associated with a probability of occurring on odds of obtaining a re-trigger of the reels, and the probability is at least in part based on the a-wager made by the player.

Claim 83: (currently amended) The method of Claim 74, wherein the steps (a) to (kj) are controlled through a data network.

Claim 84: (original) The method of Claim 83, wherein the data network is an internet.

Claim 85: (currently amended) A method of operating a gaming device, said method comprising:

(a) causing at least one display device to display~~displaying~~ a plurality of reels and a plurality of symbols on the reels, said symbols including at least one first prize symbol, at least one second prize symbol and at least one re-trigger symbol;

(b) designating a~~an initial~~ number of free spins of the reels, said designated number of free spins being greater than one;

(c) designating a number of the first prize symbols necessary to be accumulated to win a first physical prize;

(d) designating a number of the second prize symbols necessary to be accumulated to win a second different physical prize, wherein the first physical prize is of higher value than the second physical prize; and

(e) after a designated triggering event:

(i) causing the at least one display device to display the designated number of free spins;

(ii) causing the at least one display device to display the free spins of  
~~activating the reels for the designated initial number of spins;~~

(iii)f) causing the at least one display device to display ~~re-triggering~~ at least one additional free spin of the reels if ~~the re-trigger symbol or~~ a predetermined symbol combination including the re-trigger symbol occurs on the reels during the displayed free spins of the reels;

(ivg) accumulating any first prize symbols which occur on the reels in each of said displayed free spins and the at least one additional free spin of the reels;

(vh) accumulating any second prize symbols which occur on the reels in each of said displayed free spins and the at least one additional free spin of the reels;

(vi) awarding the first physical prize to the player if the accumulated number of first prize symbols reaches the designated number of first prize symbols, wherein the re-trigger symbol or the

predetermined symbol combination must occur on the reels at least once to accumulate the designated number of first prize symbols; and

- (viii) awarding the second physical prize to the player if the accumulated number of second prize symbols reaches the designated number of second prize symbols, wherein the re-trigger symbol or the predetermined symbol combination must occur on the reels at least once to accumulate the designated number of second prize symbols.

Claim 86: (original) The gaming device of Claim 85, which includes a higher probability of obtaining the second physical prize than the first physical prize.

Claim 87: (currently amended) The method of Claim 85, wherein the designated initial number of free spins of the reels is at least in part based on a wager made by the player.

Claim 88: (currently amended) The method of Claim 85, wherein the designated number of the first prize symbols necessary to be accumulated to win the first physical prize is at least in part based on a wager made by the player such that: (i) for a first wager made by the player, a first designated number of the first prize symbols is necessary to be accumulated to win the first physical prize, and (ii) for a second, different wager made by the player, a second, different number of the first prize symbols is necessary to be accumulated to win the first physical prize.

Claim 89: (currently amended) The method of Claim 85, wherein the designated number of the second prize symbols necessary to be accumulated to win the second physical prize is at least in part based on a wager made by the player such that: (i) for a first wager made by the player, a first designated number of the second prize symbols is necessary to be accumulated to win the second physical prize, and (ii) for a second,

different wager made by the player, a second, different number of the second prize symbols is necessary to be accumulated to win the second physical prize.

Claim 90: (original) The method of Claim 85, wherein the number of prize symbols accumulated for each prize symbol which occurs on the reels is at least in part based on a wager made by the player.

Claim 91: (currently amended) The method of Claim 85, wherein the predetermined symbol combination is associated with a probability of occurring on odds of obtaining a re-trigger of the reels, and the probability is at least in part based on a wager made by the player.

Claim 92: (currently amended) The method of Claim 85, wherein the steps (a) to (j) are controlled through a data network.

Claim 93: (original) The method of Claim 92, wherein the data network is an internet.